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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY), XX
SUBJECT: INR ROUNDUP OF WORLDWIDE REACTIONS TO VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT

1. USSR: IN HEAVY COVERAGE OF THE MEETING,THE SOVIET MEDIA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TALKS, THE FAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR ARMS NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS. AT THE SAME TIME, PROBLEM AREAS IN RELATIONS CONTINUED TO BE NOTED.

--(A) BREZHNEV, SPEAKING IN ULAN BATOR, NOVEMBER 26, SAID THAT THE MEETING REPRESENTED "A CONSIDERABLE STEP FORWARD" IN ARMS NEGOTIATIONS. HE MADE A GENERALIZED REFERENCE TO OPPONENTS OF DETENTE BUT DID NOT CITE THE US WHEN NOTING THE NEED "TO OVERCOME RESISTANCE OF MANY CIRCLES THAT ARE AGGRESSIVE IN NATURE OR ARE SIMPLY CONSERVATIVE-MINDED."

--(B) BOTH TASS AND RADIO MOSCOW'S DOMESTIC SERVICE HAVE PLAYED BACK PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT THAT THE MEETINGS "WENT WELL" AND THAT A GOOD AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS
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"IS WITHIN OUR GRASP."

--(C) PRAVDA ON NOVEMBER 24 PRAISED THE "SUBSTANTIAL, CONSTRUCTIVE TURNABOUT" IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS,

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"PROMOTED TO A TREMENDOUS EXTENT" BY SUMMIT CONFERENCES, A TURNABOUT WHICH HAS BECOME "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT

POLITICAL PHENOMENA OF THE AGE."

--(D) RADIO MOSCOW MEANWHILE CALLED THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING "AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE '70S." THE BROADCAST NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE STILL MANY COMPLEX PROBLEMS IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS AND THAT "CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE US STILL CLING TO UNJUSTIFIED DISCRIMINATION IN TRADE" AND ATTEMPT TO USE IT AS A WEAPON FOR POLITICAL PRESSURE.

--(E) PRAVDA ALSO STATED NOVEMBER 25 THAT THE NEW ARMS AGREEMENT TO BE WORKED OUT AT GENEVA "WILL BECOME A MAJOR TURNING POINT IN LIMITING THE ARMS RACE," A THEME ECHOED BY OTHER MOSCOW NEWSPAPERS.

2. PRC:

--(A) IN ITS ONLY REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP, NCNA BRIEFLY NOTED, NOVEMBER 24, THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD MET BREZHNEV IN "VLADIVOSTOK (HAISHENWEI)." NCNA'S USE OF THE RUSSIAN AND CHINESE TERMS FOR VLADIVOSTOK FOLLOWED USUAL PRC PRACTICE.

--(B) ACCORDING TO THE TOKYO SHIMBUN OF NOVEMBER 21, CHINESE POLITBURO MEMBER CHI TENG-KUEI TOLD A VISITING JAPANESE YOUTH DELEGATION THAT WAR HAD FOLLOWED THE 1972 AND 1973 US-SOVIET SUMMITS. CHI THEN RHETORICALLY ASKED, "I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN THIS TIME."

3. BRITAIN: ALL MAJOR PAPERS HEADLINED THE MEETING AS A SUCCESS FOR PRESIDENT FORD OR FOR THE US.

--(A) A TIMES EDITORIAL ON NOVEMBER 25 WAS A BIT CAUTIOUS, SAYING THAT, IF THE US CLAIMS ARE REALIZED, "THE MEETING

WILL TURN OUT TO HAVE BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT LANDMARK." BUT, THE NEXT DAY, THE TIMES' WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WROTE THAT THE ARMS AGREEMENT WAS "MUCH MORE THAN ANY OF THE EXPERTS EXPECTED....IT IS AGAIN SEEN IN WASHINGTON AS EVIDENCE OF DR. KISSINGER'S ASCENDANCY...."

--(B) A GUARDIAN EDITORIAL OF NOVEMBER 25 SAID THAT THE ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT WAS "ONLY AN AGREEMENT TO AGREE, A RESOLUTION TO PERSUADE THE PENTAGON TO COME TO TERMS WITH MARSHAL GRECHKO AND VICE VERSA." THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE GUARDIAN'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT OBSERVED THAT THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN A BREAKTHROUGH BUT IT WAS BEING

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GREETED IN WASHINGTON WITH "CONSIDERABLE CAUTION."

--(C) THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S EDITORIAL PRAISED THE PRESIDENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENT AND SAID THAT HE HAD MADE A MARKED PERSONAL IMPRESSION ON BREZHNEV. BUT, THE TELEGRAPH SUGGESTED, THE SOVIET LEADERS MAY NOW FEEL THAT VIA THEIR SUPPORT OF SYRIA AND THE PLO THEY HAVE "OUT-MANEUVERED DR. KISSINGER IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

--(D) THE FINANCIAL TIMES ALSO VIEWED VLADIVOSTOK AS A PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR PRESIDENT FORD.

4. FRANCE:

--(A) LE FIGARO, AFTER STRESSING THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON DISARMAMENT, SAID THAT THE US AND SOVIET LEADERS HAVE DECIDED TO TRUST EACH OTHER AND TO FOLLOW THE PATH OPENED BY PRESIDENT NIXON FOUR YEARS AGO. THE PAPER DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT FROM NOW ON THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WILL SETTLE THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS JOINTLY. IT CONCLUDED THAT "HENRY KISSINGER HAS MANY MORE VOYAGES AHEAD."

--(B) L'AURORE ASKED WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER IS "A REMARKABLE TEACHER" OR WHETHER PRESIDENT FORD IS "A PARTICULARLY GIFTED PUPIL?" AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC SORTIE WAS A "CREDIT TO BOTH."

5. WEST GERMANY: EDITORIAL COMMENT DESCRIBED THE
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STRATEGIC ARMS AGREEMENT AS A "BREAKTROUGH."

--(A) THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG NOTED: "FORD AND BREZHNEV ACHIEVED IN THEIR FIRST MEETING WHAT KISSINGER HAD BEEN TRYING FOR IN VAIN FOR A LONG TIME: A 'CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH.'" THE PAPER EXPRESSED CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER HOW THIS WOULD AFFECT EUROPE'S DEFENSE: "FOR AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES IT IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT THAT, ACCORDING TO KISSINGER, US ROCKETS BASED IN EUROPE ARE NOT TO BE COUNTED IN CALCULATING US ATOMIC STRENGTH. ONE MAY ASSUME THAT THE SAME GOES FOR THE SOVIET'S MEDIUM-RANGE ROCKETS AIMED AT EUROPE."

--(B) THE LEFT-OF-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU COMMENTED THAT: "THE TWO PREVIOUS SALT AGREEMENTS SEEMED MERELY TO HAVE LED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW, MORE TERRIBLE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. AGAINST THIS DARK BACKGROUND, THE RESULT OF FORD'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH BREZHNEV GLEAMS LIKE A RAY OF LIGHT. PRECISELY THE PREVIOUSLY UNSETTLED PROBLEM--THAT OF ROCKETS WITH MULTIPLE WARHEADS--HAS NOW BEEN TACKLED."

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--(C) DIE WELT ALSO NOTED THE "BREAKTHROUGH" BUT ADDED: "MORE SIGNIFICANT, THOUGH, IS WHAT FORD AND BREZHNEV HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. ARE THEY IN A POSITION TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF A NEW MIDDLE EAST WAR?...IF THERE WAS NO BASIC AGREEMENT ON KEEPING THE MIDDLE EAST UNDER CONTROL, THAT FAILURE COULD BE THE ACHILLES HEEL IN KISSINGER'S ARRANGEMENT--THE UNGUARDED FLANK."

6. GREECE: PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED "KEEN SATISFACTION" THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE REFERRED TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

7. JAPAN: THE MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT.

--(A) ASAHI SAID THE PROGRESS ON SALT INDICATES THE "FIRMNESS OF THE US-SOVIET COOPERATIVE STRUCTURE." A TOKYO SHIMBUN EDITORIAL CONTENDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGREEMENT "REFLECTS THEIR DESIRE TO CUT THEIR INCREASING
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MILITARY EXPENDITURES BUT NOT ENTHUSIASM FOR TOTAL ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

--(B) YOMIURI CALLED IT "THE FIRST STEP TOWARD NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES UNDER THE FORD ADMINISTRATION." ANOTHER YOMIURI REPORT SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA WILL DISCUSS THE CHINESE REACTION TO THE SALT AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN TOKYO AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

--(C) A MAINICHI EDITORIAL SAID THE COMMUNIQUE "SHOWED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE US-SOVIET RELATIONS IN STRENGTHENING PEACE."

8. SOUTH KOREA: THE MEDIA GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE SUMMIT AND PLAYED UP THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

--(A) TONGA ILBO NOTED SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS ON SALT AND THE NEAR EAST AND CALLED THE TALKS "QUITE SUCCESSFUL."

--(B) NEWS REPORTS SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND CHAIRMAN BREZHNEV HAD DISCUSSED KOREA AND INTERPRETED THIS HOPEFULLY TO MEAN THAT THE US AND THE USSR MIGHT SOON MAKE RECIPROCAL GESTURES TOWARD NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

9. NORTH KOREA: THE MEDIA DENOUNCED PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO SEOUL BUT HAVE AVOIDED REVEALING TO THEIR

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READERS HIS TRAVEL TO VLADIVOSTOK.

10. PHILIPPINES: FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO, RESPONDING TO A QUERY FOLLOWING HIS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH, NOVEMBER 25, SAID THAT HE CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT FORD FOR AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT MOVED DETENTE SIGNIFICANTLY FORWARD. RECALLING THAT HE HAD WORKED WITH EVERY SECRETARY OF STATE SINCE CORDELL HULL, ROMULO WENT ON TO PRAISE SECRETARY KISSINGER AS "THE GREATEST SECRETARY OF STATE THE US HAS EVER HAD."

11. ISRAEL: THE PRESS GENERALLY WAS PLEASED WITH THE
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MIDDLE EAST PORTIONS OF THE VLADIVOSTOK COMMUNIQUE, NOTING PARTICULARLY ITS REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 338.

--(A) THE INDEPENDENT HAARETZ EDITORIALIZED THAT "IT IS SAFE TO PRESUME THAT THE AMERICANS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING SOVIET OBSTRUCTION OF PEACE EFFORTS OUTSIDE THE GENEVA FRAMEWORK."

--(B) THE PRESS ALSO NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SOVIETS REJECTED, IN EFFECT, THE PALESTINIAN CALL FOR A BINATIONAL, SECULAR STATE.

12. EGYPT: AN AKHBAR EDITORIAL EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US-USSR COMMUNIQUE, THE US WILL SUPPORT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, IN ACTION AS WELL AS IN WORD. IT ADDED THAT SUCH A US COMMITMENT OBLIGES IT TO SUPPORT THESE INTERESTS AS DEFINED BY THE TWO RECENT UNGA RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THE RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AND THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ENJOY INDEPENDENCE AND TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL AUTHORITY.

13. INDIA: REPORTS OF THE COMMUNIQUE DOMINATED THE FRONT PAGES OF MAJOR PAPERS. MANY PAPERS QUOTED BREZHNEV AS SAYING THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT HAD "CREATED THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING NEW SUBSTANTIAL STEPS" ON THE PATH TO DETENTE. HEADLINE TREATMENT OF THE ARMS LIMITATION ASPECTS WAS POSITIVE.

14. POLAND: A COMMENTARY IN THE NOVEMBER 23 ZYCIE WARSZAWY SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF THE SUMMIT MEETINGS BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR, THE WORLD SITUATION HAS RECENTLY UNDERGONE "AN ENORMOUS AND POSITIVE TRANS-FORMATION."

15. HUNGARY: A BUDAPEST RADIO COMMENTARY ON NOVEMBER 25

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SAID THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WAS ONLY THE "BEGINNING OF A PHASE PREDICTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WHO, ACCORDING TO A WASHINGTON STAR NEWS CORRESPONDENT, SAID THAT BREZHNEV AND FORD ARE LIKELY TO GET ON BETTER THAN IT WAS POSSIBLE TO GET ON WITH THE PREVIOUS AMERICAN
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PRESIDENT DUE TO HIS RATHER RETICENT NATURE."

16. YUGOSLAVIA: RADIO BELGRADE ON NOVEMBER 24 SAID THAT THE MEETING "TOOK A STEP FORWARD" ON THE MATTERS DISCUSSED AND "ASSUMED DIMENSIONS BEYOND THOSE EXPECTED."

17. EAST GERMANY: AN EAST BERLIN RADIO COMMENTATOR NOTED ON NOVEMBER 25 THAT PRESIDENT FORD, IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, "GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT HIS VISIT WAS THE BEGINNING OF A GOOD PRODUCTIVE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CPSU GENERAL SECRETARY AND WAS FRUITFUL FOR THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES."

18. BRAZIL: THE PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO EDITORIALIZED THAT "AT BEST THE CONFERENCE WILL AMOUNT TO NOTHING; AT WORST, IT WILL AGGRAVATE THE IMPASSE IN WHICH WORLD DIPLOMACY PRESENTLY FINDS ITSELF."

19. CHILE: THE INDEPENDENT, CONSERVATIVE EL MERCURIO, WHILE PRAISING THE EFFORT TO CONTINUE THE DETENTE POLICY, CAUTIONED: "EVIDENCE GROWS THAT THE WEST FACES VERY COMPLEX DANGERS WHICH ARE AS SERIOUS AS THOSE OF THE COLD WAR. IN EFFECT, WHILE THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT STOPPED INCREASING ITS MILITARY POWER DURING THE PERIOD OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, COUNTRIES OF THE DEMOCRATIC BLOC ARE WEAKENED BY AN ECONOMIC CRISIS OF WHICH MOSCOW IS THE PRINCIPAL PROMOTER."

20. MEXICO: THE INFLUENTIAL, LEFTIST EXCELSIOR CALLED THE SUMMIT AGREEMENT "A PACT OF SELFISH SURVIVAL RATHER THAN A CONSOLIDATED PEACE SERVING ALL." THE NATIONALISTIC NOVEDADES STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS BASED NOT ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, BUT RATHER ON THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH SIDES. THE RIGHTIST, PRO-US EL SOL HAILED THE AGREEMENT AS ONE OF "ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE WORLD." IT CAUTIONED, HOWEVER- "IT IS ALL WELL AND GOOD THAT THE SUPERPOWERS TRY TO PREVENT WAR AND...TO PUT AN END TO THE MAD ARMS RACE, BUT THE ELEMENT UNDERLYING ALL HUMAN CONFLICTS IS THE DESIRE TO DOMINATE, THE BELIEF THAT SOME NATIONS WERE CREATED TO RULE AND OTHERS TO OBEY. ONLY WHEN MANKIND ABANDONS THE DESIRE TO DOMINATE OTHERS WILL
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THERE BE TRUE WORLD PEACE."

21. PERU: THE CONSERVATIVE LA PRENSA EDITORIALIZED THAT THE VLADIVOSTOK AGREEMENT WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN THE POWER OF THE US AND USSR IN THE THIRD WORLD. THE PAPER SAID THAT "THE FREEING OF GREAT SUMS OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, RESULTING FROM THE REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS, CAN BE UTILIZED TO STRENGTHEN THE POSITION OF THE RICH COUNTRIES OVER THE POOR." INGERSOLL

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